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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL ALLEN/FAIRCHILD

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1. EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT WITH STAFFDEL ALLEN/FAIRCHILD DURING VISIT
TO ATHENS MARCH 25-27 CONSISTED OF DISCUSSION WITH POL/MIL
OFFICER, AS PLANNED, AND BREAKFAST MEETING WITH DCM. STAFFDEL
SAID THEY WERE PLEASED WITH VISIT HERE, WHICH THEY CHARACTERIZED
AS OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEF REST IN DEMANDING SCHEDULE.

2. NEITHER DEFENSE MILCON NOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE -- WHICH REFTELS
SAID WERE PRIMARY INTERESTS OF STAFFDEL -- WAS OF MAJOR INTEREST
TO THEM. (QUICK DRIVE THROUGH HELLENIKON AIR BASE, REPORTED SEPTTEL
BY 7206 ABG, SUFFICED.) INSTEAD, STAFFDEL PROBED EMBOFFS FOR
ESTIMATES OF GREEK GOVERNMENT REACTIONS THAT WOULD BE EXPECTED IF
ADMINISTRATION WERE TO MOVE U.S.-TURKEY DCA FORWARD UNDER VARIOUS
SCENARIOS. EMBOFFS DESCRIBED A CORRESPONDING SCALE OF REACTION
POSSIBILITIES RANGING FROM FACILITY CLOSURES, THROUGH ANGRY
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DENUNCIATIONS (WITH OR WITHOUT ENCOURAGEMENT OF ANTI-AMERICAN
ACTS OR WORDS), TO RELUCTANT ACCEPTANCE COUPLED WITH HALF-
HEARTED EFFORTS TO DEFEND CONTINUED GREEK-AMERICAN TIES. WHEN
PRESSED, EMBOFFS SPECULATED THAT REACTION WAS SOMEWHAT MORE
LIKELY TO BE TOWARD Milder END OF THIS RANGE. WHEN ASKED WHETHER
GREECE WOULD SIGN HER DCA WITH U.S., EMBOFFS SAID THEY THOUGHT
THE GOG PROBABLY WOULD, BUT ONLY AFTER IT WAS CERTAIN THE TURKISH

DCA (WITH ITS \$1 BILLION IN AID) HAD PASSED CONGRESS SUBSTANTIALLY
UNENCUMBERED AND SUCH PASSAGE NO LONGER COULD BE FACILITATED BY
A COMPANION GREEK AGREEMENT.
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